



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

July 3, 2001

H.R. 695 **Oil Region National Heritage Area Act**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on June 26, 2001

H.R. 695 would establish the Oil Region National Heritage Area in Pennsylvania. The heritage area would be managed by the Oil Heritage Region, Inc., a nonprofit corporation. The bill would direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into a cooperative agreement with the corporation under which the government would provide technical and financial assistance to prepare, update, and implement a management plan for the heritage area. The plan would include strategies for conservation, funding, development, and cooperation with state and local governments. The bill also would direct the Secretary to conduct studies to document the industrial, engineering, building, and architectural history of the heritage area. For these purposes, including implementing the plan and conducting historical studies, the bill would authorize the appropriation of \$1 million for each fiscal year after enactment, up to a total of \$10 million.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 695 would cost \$10 million over the next 10 to 15 years. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. H.R. 695 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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